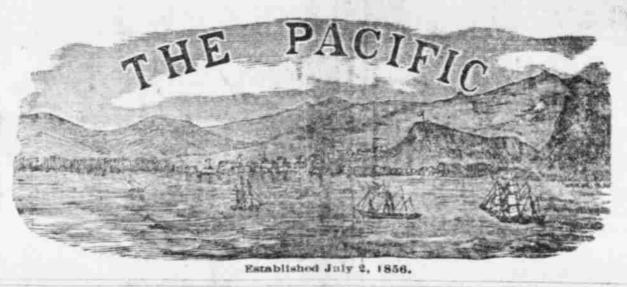
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Rat Charmed by Singing.

DUNDEE, N. Y., Dec. 15 .- Miss Lulu Frazier was singing while she attended to her household duties in the kitchen this morning. When she turned toward the stove she saw a large gray her intently. She was startled. She stopped singing. The rat dropped to its feet and started to run away. Miss Frazier gained her self-possession and again began singing. The rat pricked up its ears, stopped and sat upon its haunches. This procedure was repeated two or three times. The rat showed that it was most pleased with "ragtime" pleces, and when two or three of the newest pieces were sung the animal showed a desire to dance. After Miss Frazier had entertained the rat for about ten minutes she fractured its skull with a broomstick.

Baron Fava to Resign.

ROME, Dec. 27 .- A number of diplomatic changes are imminent, including the retirement of the aged Baron Fava, Italy's Ambassador at Washington. He will be succeeded as Minister MISS A. A. ALLEN-Stenographer and by Vice Admiral Napoleon Canvaro. impossibility. pleurisy, contracted at Venice.

Improvement.

England's Generals Following in South | no doub, would, give its official assent Africa the Plans That Succeeded at Waterloo.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 26,-The few regular army officers stationed at Fort Leavenworth are manifesting a deep interest in the campaign in South ANNIS MONTAGUE TURNER-Vocal Africa and they are commenting rather strongly on the way the Boers are outgeneraling the British officers. A first Heutenant of cavalry said today:

"British officers show a lack of progress in their tactics. One fault may be due to the fact that within the last 100 years, with possible exception of the Crimean war, the English operations have been confined entirely to those against savage or partially civ-Ilized peoples, where close order for-

wholly used. "The fact that in the last three prinipal engagements the English received the first fire in column or quarter column formation fully demonstrates the office. He was discharged last May, fact that a close formation was used. lect in the use of the cavalry screen. Never do they throw out scouts well in front to protect an advancing column. It is strange to think that a column would be advancing without feelers in front and without having a good idea of the territory before them.

"The British seem to be following he same tactics they used at Waterloo, hoping to open the battles in one, artillery, then an infantry advance, and finally by a gallant cavalry charge, This method no longer holds good with ncreased range and the flat trajectory of modern small arms. A general ights a battle as he finds it. He must know the country he is going to fight on, and more than all this, he must look on cavalry more as mounted inher connection with Miss Killean and fantry. The British cavalryman off opened Dressmaking and Ladies' his horse is like a duck out of water. Tailoring Parlors over Sachs' Dry The Boers realize this fact and with superior marksmanship and extended ormation have aimed rather at the horses at first, leaving the dismounted men to be picked off at their leisure. This was exemplified in the engagement at Tugela river recently, when, according to Buller's report, a British officer with three teams of six horses endangered guns. Out of eighteen and shampooing; scalp treatment a horses, thirteen were killed, while only specialty; room 6 Model block, Fort one driver was wounded. What is deand Beretania Stz.; Tel. 989, take el- manded in modern warfare is a close knowledge of the topography of the field operations and the use of cavairy and scouts. In my opinion, were American soldiers in place of the Brit-

"In an open country such as South tage of it."

PEACE PROPOSITION.

Uncle Sam Urged to Ratify at Once The Hague Agreement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24. -Representative Bartholdt, of St. Louis, and ex-Congressman J. Bar- Plan to Encourage the Enlistment rows, from Mississippi, had an interesting conference with Secretary of State Hay to-day. The two gentlemen ter-parliamentary conference, whose rat sitting on its haunches and eyeing last annual meeting took place the first week in August, at Christiania, Norway. This conference is composed of members of all the parliaments of he world who believe in international arbitration as a substitute for war and claims to be the mother of the recent peace conference at The Hague, Among other resolutions adopted at Christiania was one pledging the delegates present-and there was an at tendance of nearly 400-to see to it that their respective governments would ratify the agreements and conventions of The Hague peace conference. The time limit fixed by that conference for such ratification is Deember 31, hence the visit of Messrs Bartholdt and Barrows, who urged the ecretary to take immediate action Secretary Hay is in full accord with e work accomplished at The Hague Senate within the fixed limit was an eral of the sets of teeth belonged to contentment of the people win result, doubtless be a number of them who

tion to The Hague agreement," he has been secured.

said, "at least time will be required to convince those opposed to us of the practical benefits resulting from an approval of the work at The Hague, Some will even argue that such a step would be merely in the interest of

Mr. Bartholdt suggested that it conand not one between the United States and England only, and it would not be difficult to make people understand the British Tactics Show No Tactics and The believed the people of this country were for peace, rather than war, and, in view of the cry of militarism and imperialism, no better card could be played by our government than by a declaration formally sanctioning the work of the peace con-

Secretary Hay assented to this proposition, and said that, pending the ratification of The Hague treaty by the Senate, the administration could, and to the work accomplished at the peace conference.

BLAINE CONQUERS A COUNT.

Nephew of Statesman and Titled Russian Figure in a Row.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26 .-James F. Blaine, a nephew of James G. Blaine, and secretary of the Minneapolis Wholesale Grocers' Association, Friday marched Count Meyerdorf, of Prussia, out of his office at the end of revolver.

The exact cause of the trouble is not known, as neither party will discuss the matter, but is said the Count slapped Mr. Blaine in the face and the forced march followed.

The Count later challenged Mr. Blaine to a duel at Minnehaha Park at sunrise in the morning, but the person to whom he entrusted the challenge tore it up.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 20 .- Meyerdorf was a resident of Duluth for some months, having a position in the land the reason not being made public. His There seems to be a lamentable neg- temper got him into several scrapes

CUBAN REGIMENTS.

American Troops to be Relieved to Go to Manila.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 36-Several regiments will be recruited in Cuba from among the natives to retwo, three order, first by a play with lieve our troops so that they may be sent to the Philippines to replace returning soldiers. The Cubans have been found anxious to enlist in our service, and are believed to be capable of performing military service in a proper manner. A number of applicaions have been received at the War Department from officers of the army for appointments in these regiments, and it is probable that the colonels will be selected from captains of the line who have had some experience in Cuba and who have an intimate knowledge of the Spanish language. The junior officers are likely to be taken from among our non-commissioned officers and from civil life. The organization of the regiments will be arranged in detail very soon.

ELEPHANT TRAINER KILLED Pierced by a Tusk, on Which Was

a Six-Inch Brass Ball. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26,-M. J. Meagher, an elephant trainer, better known as Patsy Forepaugh, was insh the country would be well scouted. stantly killed by an elephant this afternoon at Sellsville. The elephant Africa presents, deployment would be known as "Sid," has been in captivity DR. A. C. POSEY .- Specialist for Eye, made beyond the reach of artillery for twenty years, and was never re-Ear, Thoat and Nose Diseases and fire. There would be no marching garded as vicious. This afternoon within 200 yards of the enemy's Meagher led the elephants into the trenches in close order columns. The training circle for their daily exercise, Boers realize the faulty tactics of the when "Sid" became unruly, and the British and are taking everys advan- trainer jabbed the animal with his "Sid" became furious and stick. hurled the trainer to the ground with his trunk. The elephant then fell on finally caught one within its jaws. his victim, piercing Meagher's body with one of his tusks, on which was a brass ball six inches in diameter.

NAVY SHORT OF MEN.

of Sailors. DUNDEE, N. Y., Dec. 25.-Miss Lulu called on the Secretary of State in navy is 4,000 men short of the legal cheir capacity as delegates to the in- maximum, and this in spite of the best efforts of the recruiting officers. Secretary Long has written a letter calling the attention of Congress to this state of affairs, and suggesting that it might offer a decided incentive to enlistment by extending to sailors enlisting the benefit of the act allowing the apprentices a full outfit of clothing, not to exceed \$45 in value.

Under the present system the men are kept in debt for months after enlistment by the purchase of the necessary outfit from advance payments.

Burglars Stole Their Teeth.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 26 .- A cuhree gold bridges, and twenty pennybut suggested that ratification by the fice of Dr. F. M. Blake, a dentist. Sev- secure and free, the satisfaction and count of the new laws, there would Maryville people and were there for and there will be no trouble. "I anticipate a good deal of opposition to The Hague agreement," he has been secured. "If it is otherwise, the people will would relieve the Goevrnment to quite the dissatisfied and will aid the revolutional extent."

The South Won't Have Them There.

Louisiana Strongly Stirred by Vessels Suspected of Carrying the Bubonic Plague.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 25.-The question of coffee-laden ships from the infected ports of Santos seems destined to stir up the entire South, even as it has stirred up New York. Dr. Blunt, the health officer of Texas, has already decided that no vessels from Santos can touch at Galveston.

The Louisiana State Board of Health is already on record as holding that there is no way to prevent the landing of the Willowdene at this port and the discharge of her cargo here after the proper period of detention has been passed at the quarantine station and the disinfection and fumigation of her cargo has been effected according to the laws of this State.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange has adopted resolutions protesting against the landing of the Willowdene under any circumstances. The Board of Trade has Indorsed the stand of the General Otis to contract with the Ce-

oard of Health Some people hold that the City Board f Health, irrespective of the State Board, can prevent the Willowdene from proceeding up the river. Today the State of Mississippi not only got into the game, so far as the Willowdene is concerned, but came to the from with troubles of her own, when Dr. Hunter, secretary of the Mississippi Board of Health, and Dr. Bolton, the health officer of Harrison county, met in New Orleans and forwarded the following telegram to Surgeon General

Wyman: Barkentine J. W. Jane, from Sanos, will arrive at the gulf quarantine station in a few hours. Mississippl Board of Health requests that you immediately order her to Dry Tortugas for disinfection and fumigation. Health officer of Harrison county and the Mayor and Council of the City of Biloxi join in this request. In case Louisiana State Board of Health refuses to comply wth treasury regulations regarding Willowdene, due to arrive at Mississippi river quarantine station Sunday, we request that she be also sent to Dry Tortugas for treat-

WOMAN IN TIGER'S GRASP.

Animal Attacks Its Trainer in a Paris Menagerie. PARIS, Dec. 26.-Last night, at the

Montmartre menagerle, the great royal iger, Mazeppa, suddenly rebelled against its tamer, La Goulue, sprang upon her, buried its teeth in her side, and dragged her insensible across the cage to the darkest corner, where it crouched, evidently settling itself comfortably for a feast.

Experts are yet at a loss to explain what saved the girl. Mazeppa paused, and in an instant the menagerie attendants were upon the tiger with red not lances and forks. The tiger clawed at these murderous things and With a howl of pain the animal leaped Practical Suggestion Regarding Chito the other side of the cage, where lowed, but still furious, it remained. Meanwhile two men tamers entered the cage and took away the uncon-

scious girl. It was found that her right flank had been lacerated by the tiger's teeth, on the left shoulder the claws had torn the flesh from the bone, and leaving the quarantine detention ugly scratches were found on the camps, has brought out a novel but breast. But the doctors say La Goulue will live.

MABINI ON THE FUTURE.

Says a Liberal Government Will Effect Permanent Peace.

MANILA, December 27, 4:45 p. m. Mabini, formerly a member of the Fill- \$25, which would be a far less amount

nsurgents, said to a correspondent of ous robbery took place in Maryville our affairs. But the spirit of inde- tions as to have the steamers bring ast night. Fourteen gold crowns, pendence is craving for recognition, people here from plague-ridden counthree gold bridges, and twenty penny- The individuality of the Filipino peo-weight of scrap gold, of an aggregate ple still lives. If the government value of \$350, were stolen from the of- eventually established here is liberal,

tionary movement which will surely occur sconer or later. Without the people's support such a movement is impossible. Everything depends on what the Americans do. The subsequent guerrilla warfare will be easily terminated if the people do not support.

"Otherwise, it will be possible to prolong it indefinitely. I believe the Filipino people should be consulted as to the nature and details of the government to be established. If the war results in the recognition of our desires, rights and necessities as a people to be governed, it will not have been

in vain. Mabini spoke unofficially, expressing

his own opinious. The Panay insurgents have been driven out of the island by Gen. Hughes and are passing to Negros, where they are courting trouble. Two hundred recent arrivals there from Panay. ambushed Lieut. A. C. Ledyard, with a party of fifteen of the 6th Infantry. It was in this fight that Lieut, Ledyard was killed, falling at the second

volley. Col. Smith, Governor of Negros, has been obliged to arrest several prominent natives on a charge of conspiracy. The native municipal constabulary in three towns recently mutinied and went into the mountains, but the nalive soldiers are reported loyal.

RETURN OF SPANISH CAPTIVES. Uncle Sam to Send Back the 4000

Recently Released. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26 .- Under the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain the United States agreed to send home all the soldiers of the Spanish army held in captivity by the insurgents in the Philippines. Congress made an appropriation of \$1,500,-

900 to carry out that purpose. The recent successful operations of General Otis resulted in the release of about 4,000 additional Spanish prisoners, and instructions have been cabled ballos Transportation Company for the return of these soldiers to Spain, There

is \$650,000 available for this purpose. ODORLESS EXCAVATORS.

Employees Now Get Double Pay-Causes of Past Delays Explained.

President Wood of the Board of Health is authority for the statement that the new odorless excavators now under construction will not be taken

into the infected district. Two of these machines are being built and will be in operation within a few days. The completion of these two will place four excavators complete with teams and appurtenances at the disposal of the Board. It was intended that several new machines should be constructed, but the absence of sufficient piping for them, forced the Board to content itself with

The great delay in attending to private requests for the excavators, was caused by the Buena Vista Hospital authorities, in monopolizing their attention for at least a third of their time, the extravagant use of water at the hospital necessitating the almost constant attention of one of the

machines. It is generally understood that United States military hospitals are required to attend to their own sanitary affairs, and President Wood has addressed a communication to Colonel auhlen, suggesting that he provide an excavator for the private use of the U.

S. military. Two of the employees of the excavator cleared out from their work when they heard of the second case from amongst their number. They were brought back, however, with the promise of double pay, and no further

WHY NOT RETURN THEM?

desertion is anticipated.

nese and Japanese. Mr. A. F. Cooke, speaking with reference to the great task of the Board of Health in providing shelter and food for the denizens of Chinatown after thoroughly practical suggestion, He stated to an Advertiser representative

yesterday evening: "Why not offer free passage home to Chins and Japan to any Chinese or Japanese when they are ready to leave the detention camps. The fare for each one would probably not be over pino Cabinet, and considered the than maintaining them in Honolulu at trongest and most intellectual of the Government expense for the next five or six months. That would leave just so much more for those who would rehe Associated Press at Manila today: main here. If this plan could be sugdepends entirely on the form of gov-rnment the Americans establish. We re vanquished, because we lacked one special camp. It would be as safe food and munitions, and mismanaged to send them back under those condi-

tries such as Japan and China. If the objection should be raised that they could not get back here on acwould not care to come back, and that